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Inspection of vessels at Bremen arriving from Indian ports.

BREMEN, January 23, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to report that, in view of the spread of the bubonic disease in the East, the sanitary authorities at this port have instituted careful supervision of all vessels arriving from ports at or near the existence of the plague.

The North German Lloyd Steamship Company have generously directed the ship surgeons on all the vessels arriving here from far eastern ports to report to this office on the health of the passengers and crews during the homeward voyage, thereby strengthening our knowledge of the sanitary condition of their vessels leaving this port for the United States.

The danger is very slight of this or any other contagious disease reaching the United States from Bremen.

I have, etc.

GEORGE KEENAN,
United States Consul.

JAPAN.

Report of infectious diseases.

YOKOHAMA, January 28, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith my regular report of infectious disease in Japan, for period January 19 to January 27, inclusive.

I beg to call your attention to the increased prevalence of smallpox throughout the country, and more especially in Osaka Fu and Kanagawa Ken. In Yokohama, which is in the latter district, there have occurred, during the period reported upon, 76 cases of variola; the authorities are making every effort for the control and limitation of the epidemic, and there are already indications that they will succeed in preventing a very extensive outbreak so far as this city is concerned.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.